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**Readers Guide**

**The Members of Congress Ch. 8 sec. 1 p. 212-217**

**Part I – Vocabulary**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1) The legislative, or lawmaking, branch of the national government

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2) The people a member of Congress represents

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3) An organization that shares certain ideas about what government should do.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4) Groups of people who work together for similar interests or goals

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5) People who represent interest groups

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_6) A proposed law

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_7) An official count of population made every ten years.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_8) The area that each House member represents

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_9) Average population of a congressional district

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10) They control the drawing of congressional district boundaries.

**Part II. Complete the chart below that compares the House of Representatives and the Senate**

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|  | **House of Representatives** | **Senate** |
| **Total number of members** |  |  |
| **Length of one term of office** |  |  |
| **Limit of how many times a member can be re-elected** |  |  |
| **Every 2 years, how many are up for election?** |  |  |
| **Minimum age** |  |  |
| **Each member represents what area?** |  |  |

**Part III. Short Answer**

23. What do we call something that can establish a national policy, be a plan of action to achieve a certain goal, or spell out how the government collects and spends the peoples’ money?

24. Name three groups of people that a member of Congress has a responsibility to support.

25. What do political parties expect in return from members of Congress for the support they give in getting them elected?

26. Name two things can interest groups offer to a member of Congress in return for their support on issues.

27. Why do some members of Congress place a lot of emphasis on their role as “servant of the people?”

28. What do members of Congress do in between meetings?

29. Why is the census important for Congress?

30. Name one benefit that members of Congress receive.